

Susquehanna River Basin Commission

§ 803.22

§ 803.6 Concurrent project review by signatory parties.

(a) The commission recognizes that agencies of the signatory parties will exercise their review authority and evaluate many proposed projects in the basin. The commission will adopt procedures to assure compatibility between signatory review and commission review.

(b) To avoid duplication of work and to cooperate with other government agencies, the commission may develop agreements of understanding, in accordance with the procedures outlined in this part, with appropriate agencies of the signatory parties regarding joint review of projects. These agreements may provide for joint efforts by staff, delegation of authority by an agency or the commission, or any other matter to support cooperative review activities. Permits issued by a signatory agency shall be considered commission approved if issued pursuant to an agreement of understanding with the commission specifically providing therefor.

§ 803.7 Waiver/modification.

The commission may, in its discretion, waive or modify the requirements of this part if the essential purposes set forth in § 803.2 continue to be served.

Subpart B—Application Procedure

§ 803.20 Purpose of this subpart.

The purpose of this subpart is to set forth procedures governing applications required by §§ 803.4 and 803.5.

§ 803.21 Preliminary consultations.

(a) Any sponsor of a proposed project that is or may be subject to the commission's review jurisdiction under § 803.4 or § 803.5 is encouraged, prior to making application for commission review, to request a preliminary consultation with the commission staff for an informal discussion of preliminary plans for the proposed project. To facilitate preliminary consultations, it is suggested that the sponsor provide a general description of the proposed project, a map showing its location and, to the extent available, data concerning dimensions of any proposed

structures and the environmental impacts.

(b) Preliminary consultations shall be optional with the project sponsor and shall not relieve the sponsor from complying with the requirements of the compact or with this part.

§ 803.22 Request for determination.

(a) Sponsors of projects which may require review and approval, as described in § 803.5, shall submit a "request for determination" to the executive director with such accompanying information and data as the executive director shall prescribe.

(b) If a project sponsor is uncertain whether a "request for determination" should be filed with the commission, the sponsor may ask for and, within thirty days after submission of information in such form and manner as will allow the executive director to make a decision, receive from the executive director a letter stating whether a "request for determination" should be filed. The executive director may also direct a project sponsor to submit a "request for determination."

(c) Within thirty days of the receipt of such "request for determination," the executive director shall determine whether the said project must be reviewed and approved by the commission. In making such determination, the executive director shall be guided primarily by his/her findings as to the following factors:

(1) Whether the proposed project will have a significant interstate effect on water supply, stream flows, aquifers, water quality, flooding, sensitive land areas, aquatic or terrestrial forms of plant or animal life, historical or cultural resources, or any other water-related resource.

(2) Whether the proposed project will have a significant impact upon the goals, objectives, guidelines, plans, or projects included in the comprehensive plan.

(3) Whether the proposed project may have an adverse or adverse cumulative effect on the water resources of the basin.

(d) The executive director shall notify the sponsor of the project, the agency of the signatory party, if any, reviewing the project, the governing